

Senate Bill 193

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Golden of the 8th, Seay of the 34th and others

**AS PASSED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 17-10-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment for serious violent offenders, so as to authorize the Department of Corrections to consider certain offenders for participation in a transitional center or work release program during the offender's final year of incarceration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 17-10-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment for serious violent offenders, is amended in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(3) Any sentence imposed for the first conviction of any serious violent felony other than a sentence of life imprisonment or life without parole or death shall be served in its entirety as imposed by the sentencing court and shall not be reduced by any form of parole or early release administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or by any earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections, the effect of which would be to reduce the period of incarceration ordered by the sentencing court; provided, however, during the final year of incarceration an offender so sentenced shall be eligible to be considered for participation in a department administered transitional center or work release program."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.